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UW building is off limits

UW-Madison Chancellor Irving Shain has invoked a seldom-used administrative rule to place the Engineering Building, where CIA job recruiting is taking place, off limits to all but authorized people.

The CIA is conducting recruiting interviews at UW-Madison the first three days of this week. In April, the last time the CIA recruited here, campus police used Mace to control demonstrators who stormed a police line with the stated intent of placing a recruiter under "citizen's arrest."

A month later the Faculty Senate reaffirmed the right of the CIA to recruit here despite allegations of protesters that because the CIA has committed illegal acts it is not a legitimate employer.

A group called the Citizens Coalition against the CIA has said it will hold a rally at noon Wednesday in front of the Memorial Union steps and march to the Engineering Building later to join pickets there.

The administrative rule cited by Shain for limiting access to the Engineering Building permits a chancellor to limit access to all but employees and students deemed by police to have legitimate business in a building.